

City of Nevada City



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October 12, 2009

Gene Albaugh, City Manager City of Nevada City 317 Broad Street Nevada City, CA 95959

Dear Mr. Albaugh:

The Nevada City Elementary School District (the "District") is determining whether to dispose of certain surplus real property located 215 Washington Street, Nevada City, California 95959. This notice, along with a map showing the location of the Site, is being provided to you in accordance with the requirements of statutory law.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54222 and certain provisions of the Education Code, prior to disposing or selling surplus real property, school districts must give notice to certain public entities, districts, authorities, agencies, corporations, and other political subdivisions in the state, the federal government, and certain nonprofit charitable corporations. The District is hereby providing such written notice to you by offering for sale the Site as described in the exhibit attached hereto.

If your agency intends to seek to purchase the Site, you must give written notice of such fact to the District within 60 days after receipt of this notice. If the price or terms cannot be agreed upon from the 60 days following receipt of your notice of intent, the Site may be disposed of without regard to certain limitations referred to in the statutes referenced above.

Any inquiries or correspondence should be sent to my office,

Heather L. Cameron 800 Hoover Lane Nevada City, CA 95959

Sincerely

Heather L. Cameron Chief Business Official

Enclosure: Property Description and Map

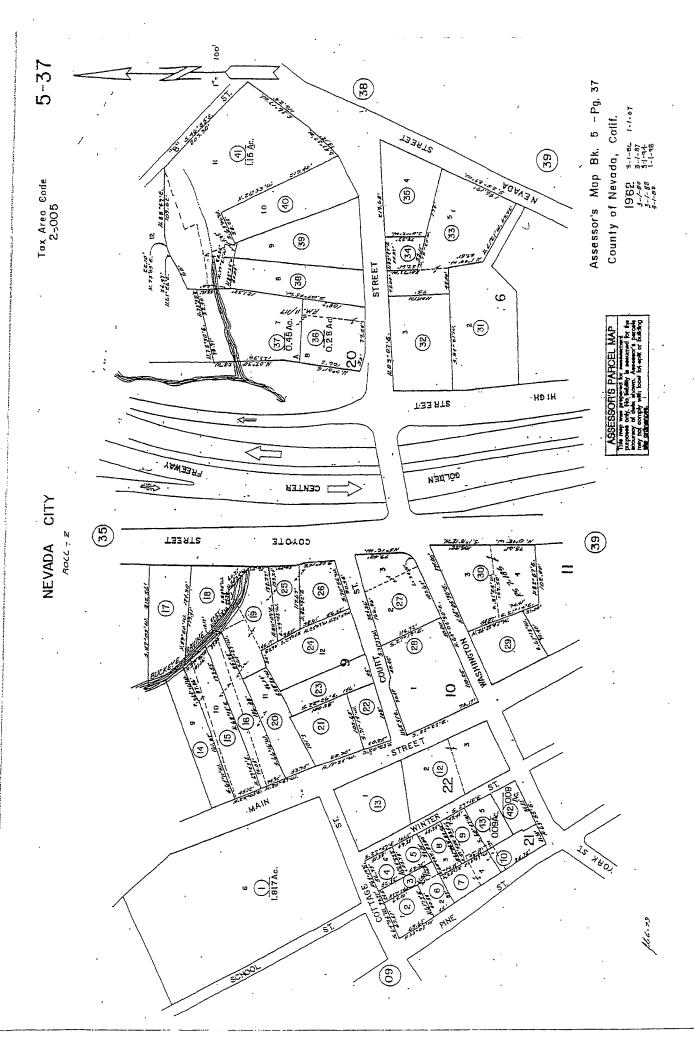
<u>Legal Description of Property Located at 215 Washington Street, Nevada City</u>, CA

The Land referred to is situated in the State of California, County of Nevada, City of Nevada City, and is described as follows:

Lots 2 and 3 of block 22, of the City of Nevada, as said lots and block are designated upon the official map of the city of Nevada, made by H.S. Bradley in the year 1869.

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See attached map



Written by Andrea McDowell



Photo courtesy clownfish

According to Environment California, Nevada City, CA (with a tiny population of 2,800) boasts nearly one-in-five households with rooftop solar installations, making it the most solar-friendly city in the state.

How do they do it? High regional electricity prices, state legislation allowing homeowners to fund renewable energy projects through property taxes, and easy and inexpensive municipal permitting processes all laid the groundwork. But according to Martin Webb, owner of solar company "Plan It Solar"—responsible for nearly half the city's solar installations—what makes Nevada City unique is a local history of solar manufacturing dating back to the 1970s. The "extreme concentration of solar companies" competes heavily for customers not only through traditional advertising and sponsorship of community events, but also through public education campaigns to grow the solar market.

Environment California wants to help places like Nevada City do just that: they are calling for a feed-in tariff (FIT) to meet the state's goal of a million solar roofs by 2017. Mali Dyck of the Alliance for a Post-Petroleum Local Economy's Center for Sustainable Living in Nevada City agrees, stating that a FIT could help establish a solar energy cooperative, enabling apartment dwellers and owners of shady properties to purchase renewable energy. But don't count on it north of the border: the people behind Toronto's energy co-op WindShare, which built and operates the Exhibition Place wind turbine, are as yet uncertain that the FIT introduced by Ontario's Green Energy Act will be enough to build SolarShare, a solar energy counterpart.

California's climate has an impact, but not as much as you'd think: nearby Sacramento, the tenth sunniest city in the United States, does not make Environment California's topten list of solar installations per household. In part, Webb argues, this is due to its lower utility costs. "The technology is robust and great," says Webb, "but price is important too."